

CHAPTER 12
DENTAL AND DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINATIONS

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650—12.1(147,153) Clinical examination procedure for dentistry.

12.1(1) To meet the requirements for dental licensure by examination, applicants shall complete either the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS) examination or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB) examination, if taken after January 1, 2001.

12.1(2) Examinees shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by either the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc.

12.1(3) Prior to April 1, 1995, the examinee must attain an average grade of not less than 70 percent on each clinical portion of the examination and 70 percent on the written portion of the examination. Between April 1, 1995, and December 31, 2000, the examinee must attain an average grade of not less than 75 percent on each clinical portion of the examination and 75 percent on the written portion of the examination. Effective April 1, 1997, the written portion of Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) was eliminated from the examination. Effective January 1, 2001, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by CRDTS or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB).

12.1(4) Each examinee shall be required to perform such clinical operations as may be required by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB) for the purpose of sufficiently evaluating and testing the fitness of the examinee to practice dentistry.

650—12.2(147,153) System of retaking dental examinations.

12.2(1) *Second examination.*

a. On the second examination attempt, a dental examinee shall be required to take only those sections of the examination in which the examinee did not achieve a score of at least 70 percent. If the second examination attempt was taken after April 1, 1995, the dental examinee shall be required to take only those sections of the examination in which the examinee did not achieve a score of at least 75 percent. Beginning January 1, 2001, a dental examinee who did not achieve a comprehensive passing score on the entire examination shall be required to retake the entire examination.

b. A dental examinee who fails the second examination will be required to complete remedial education requirements set forth in 12.2(2).

12.2(2) *Third examination.*

a. Prior to the third examination attempt, a dental examinee must submit proof of additional formal education or clinical experience approved in advance by the board.

b. At the third examination, prior to January 1, 2001, the dental examinee will be required to complete only those sections failed on the second attempt. After January 1, 2001, the dental examinee will be required to retake the entire examination.

12.2(3) *Fourth examination.*

a. Prior to the fourth examination, a dental examinee must submit proof of satisfactory completion of the equivalent of an additional senior year of an approved curriculum in dentistry at a university or school with an approved curriculum.

b. At the fourth examination, the dental examinee shall be required to retake all sections of the examination.

12.2(4) *Subsequent failures.* For the purposes of additional study prior to retakes, the fifth examination will be considered the same as the third.

12.2(5) *Failures.* If a dental examinee applies for the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. examination after having failed any other state or regional examination, the failures shall be considered Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. or Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. failures for the purposes of retakes.

650—12.3(147,153) Clinical examination procedure for dental hygiene.

12.3(1) To meet the requirements for dental hygiene licensure by examination, applicants shall complete either the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS) examination or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB) examination, if taken after January 1, 2001.

12.3(2) Examinees shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by either the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc.

12.3(3) Prior to December 31, 2003, the examinee must attain an average grade of 70 percent on the examination. Effective January 1, 2004, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by CRDTS or WREB.

12.3(4) Each examinee shall be required to perform such practical demonstrations as may be required by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. for the purpose of sufficiently evaluating and testing the fitness of the examinee to practice dental hygiene.

650—12.4(147,153) System of retaking dental hygiene examinations.

12.4(1) *Second examination.*

a. On the second examination attempt, a dental hygiene examinee shall be required to achieve a score of at least 70 percent. Effective January 1, 2004, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by CRDTS or WREB.

b. A dental hygiene examinee who fails the second examination will be required to complete the remedial education requirements set forth in subrule 12.4(2).

12.4(2) *Third examination.* Prior to the third examination attempt, a dental hygiene examinee must submit proof of additional formal education or clinical experience approved in advance by the dental hygiene committee.

12.4(3) *Fourth examination.* Prior to the fourth examination, a dental hygiene examinee must submit proof of satisfactory completion of the equivalent of an additional semester of dental hygiene at a university or school approved by the dental hygiene committee.

12.4(4) *Subsequent failures.* For purposes of additional study prior to retakes, the fifth examination will be considered the same as the third.

12.4(5) *Failures.* If a dental hygiene examinee applies for the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. examination after having failed any other state or regional examination, the failures shall be considered Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. or Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. failures for the purposes of retakes.

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